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Head of the Lakes Corvair Association Newsletter



What Corvairing is all about

I was reading on the CORVAIR FORUM a couple days ago and seen this story. It shows what this hobby is all about at it's finest. I have been involved with Corvairs for about 15 years. I've learned a lot over the years and met some great people. For the most part Corvair people are a different breed of cat totally. If you are in need of help and willing to get your hands dirty they will be there and help you with what ever you need. When I had my first Corvair I met a guy named Ed Lampi. I had many questions about working on my 63 Corvair and he was always there with the answers and parts when I needed them. I moved to Seattle Washington and there I met a whole bunch of serious Corvair people. The one thing that I seen was didn't matter what your status in life was or how much money you had, they were always there to help. And their main focus was to get and keep more Corvairs on the road. They would go the extra mile to help out a willing learner, and learn I did. I worked on oil furnaces for about 25 yrs and also trained a lot of guys the trade over the years. The one thing I did and still do when I'm trying to teach someone something is to tell them that there is no stupid questions, just stupid answers. I read the following story and it made me look back and reflect on how much I have learned over the years thanks to some other people willing to teach me. I have been involved in a few other groups but none hold a candle to the Corvair people I have met over the last 15 years. This story shows what we are all about. To those people I say THANK YOU!!! Enjoy!!!

Smitty Says: Interesting note from the VA VairFair. 6:30 in the morning I get a call from Russ Davis in my hotel room that people coming up I-95 are reporting that there was a red 64 convert sitting on the shoulder with an axle sticking out. Russ and I decided it must belong to Dan Friend of the Tidewater club. I don't have Dan's number so I have to start bothering people at home for that. Get ahold of Dan and he assures that it is his car and that he personally is in good hands. "He shows up later at the Fair in a rental car". Russ makes phone calls to "Corvair Dave" Robinson "of Central Corvair" who goes to the shop and picks up an axle with bearing to bring up the highway with him. (150 miles or so). Later in the day Dave arrives with Mark Ellis riding shotgun. They report that the axle has been replaced, the car hotwired and driven to a local gas station, (so the highway patrol tow truck vultures won't get it). Dan is informed where he can pick up his car, ready to run.

For you folks who don't understand what CORSA is all about and who think you can remain independent as you enjoy your Corvairs. You might reconsider. Also think on this. If you were a member of the Musta%#\$\$^ club or the BMW club or the Corvette club, could you in your wildest dreams expect to see this happening to you ?



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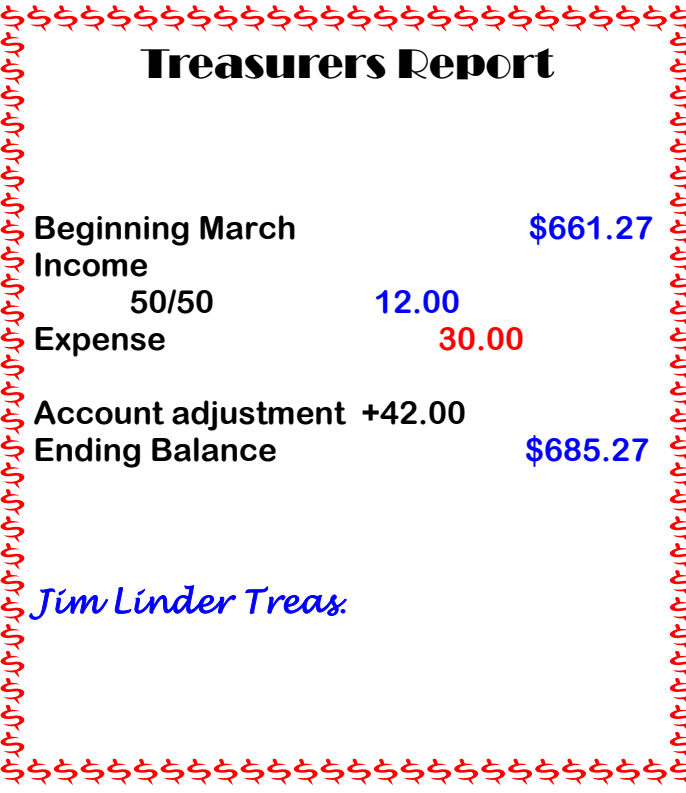


Birthdays

- May 23 Vic Blazevic
- May 24 Bob Johnson
- May 25 Joyce Veillieux
- June 1 Dale Olson
- June 4 Jim Linder
- June 16 Ed Lampi
- June 25 Dick Eilers

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Treasurers Report

Beginning March		\$661.27
Income		
50/50	12.00	
Expense	30.00	
Account adjustment	+42.00	
Ending Balance		\$685.27

Jim Linder Treas.



Activities and Events

- June 5 7PM Committee meeting at The Druddens
- June 26th Monthly meeting Perkins London RD Dinner at 6 meeting at 7



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OOPS!!!

The newsletter is a little late because your editor was looking at the Mondays on the calendar not the Tuesdays !!! Nobody's perfect!!!
Ron

Activities and Events

May 7 ZDM Committee meeting at The Druddens
May 28 Monthly meeting Perkins London RD Dinner at 6 meeting at 7



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Corvair Classifieds

Here is some leads on Corvair's and parts we received at the show:

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Dave Carlstrom
Chislom, 1 Cpe, 1 4-door hardtop

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715-392-1619
66 Corsa Red Convertible
Paid \$7,500—????

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Free to members and \$7.50 to non Members. Just send all the information and I will get your ad in here. Send all ads to:
Ron Thompson
3932 E 8th ST
Superior, Wisc
54880

For Sale: Two Kelly Charger 195/60R/15 Tires. Lots of tread left. Fit my early model great on 15" Nissan rims, and would be swell on a late model with 15" rims too. Can't beat the price, FREE! Pick 'em up in Bovey, or could bring 'em to a meeting. Call **Tim at 218-245-1782** or e-mail:

minoxphotograher@yahoo.com

For Sale:
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If interested in this car contact:

Vern Rubesh
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Ryan's Engine swap Marathon

April 21, 2007 05:57AM

Ryan and Keith arrived from Topeka this morning at 5:45 after driving all night. I believe he said it was 704 miles and took 12 hours 9 minutes. They pulled in during a huge thunderstorm, and the forecast for the day is good chance of more. We borrowed a canopy thing of some sort they can use if they feel like it. Only have the small one car garage and it's tough to work an engine into the car in there. They went right to bed after driving all night and expect to get to work in the next couple hours. I'll keep ya posted.

Tim in Bovey

April 21, 2007 12:37PM

Work marches on. Just a few rain showers, but the sky is getting awfully dark. They've installed new fan bearing and new idler pulley bearing. Keith was working on assembling the signal switch/steering wheel, lots of tweaking going on, but no heavy moving yet.

Tim in Bovey

April 21, 2007 02:13PM

Well, Dad seems to be updating fairly well so I'm gonna keep it short...

Next thing to do is get the engine in. we had a lot of little weird odds and ends to tend to, as well as changing out those bearings, which was going well until after heating up the pulley, we pounded on it and deformed it. we got it bent back to "good enuff" shape for now...it will have to do.

The top cover gaskets have been changed out. the area in the pics where you see the big gloppy area the bolts were barely finger tight right there. two new gaskets and a good torquing fixed it.

the trickiest part of this whole thing, I think, will be One- Getting the snout lined up correctly without Effing myself, and Two- getting the Celica seats fit in well. I think we can do it. I know we can do it. We've already been crazy enough to stay up 24 hours, get 4 hours of sleep, and work on a car all day...there has to be something said for that, I guess. My back hurts. I think Keith is tired too. Both of us are sort of running on fumes this evening. Momma Ronna is fixing homemade lasagna tonight for the family, so that will be very nice.

That's about it for now. Was that short?

oops...

Ryan

April 21, 2007 06:10PM

Work progresses....11 hours into it with a break for dinner and a run to town for bolts.

Old block is out, engine is in place and bolted to trans. Near as I can tell, no troubles yet, and little bloodshed. I did hear some swearing during starter installation. their plan is to have it all bolted in tonight yet, and hook 'er up tomorrow.

Tim in Bovey (trying to stay out of their way)

April 21, 2007 07:15PM

Engine is in. clutch fork/rod is in wrong. We figure the easiest way is to remove the lower control arm and move it into place and put the lca back on. we looked at the other options like removing the pin but we can't get to that cotter pin that holds it in, so...yeah. sucks but poo happens. Gas tank goes in, sway bar goes on, shrouds go into place, carbs go back on...and some random doo-dads...and we go. We should get most of that done in a few hours tomorrow, then we're gonna drive it around town...tweak it out...show Keith the town. Shouldn't be too hard. then we roll out early monday morning off to Topeka. I'll update again tomorrow.

Ryan

April 22, 2007 01:30PM

I've been sitting here wondering what to add to the previous posts....Ry and Keith got to work about 9 AM this morning, and have been at it steady till about 3, when they had lunch. Then back to work till they busted a bolt off the solenoid...no spare on hand..but the FLAPS has one..so they ran to town to pick one up. Keith seems to be a bit starstruck by our Northern Minnesota style tractor supply style store that last I heard they're in there wandering around, and picking up a few bolts few bolts.

Engine is bolted in, clutch/throttle, etc. are hooked up, gas tank is in, carbs are on, alternator/belt is on, front signal lights are mostly back in (they're picking up new socket guts in town too) steering wheel is on and signal switch is installed, i think most electrical is hooked up engine wise. It won't be long now, I suspect. I see the exhaust is sitting on the driveway with new donuts on the flanges, so we're getting close. I haven't taken any more photos 'cause it Just looks like two guys staring at a Corvair motor, mostly. I go to bed in 4 hours or so, as I'm up for work at 3:30..so they better get cracking if I'm gonna hear it run!

Tim in Bovey

April 22, 2007 02:59PM

It's Alive!!!!!!

First try and it's running! Don't be concerned about the non functioning blinkers in the beginning of the movie....no bulbs in the front yet! I figure they've got about half the battle won when you can turn the key and it starts and runs!

Tim in Bovey

April 23, 2007 04:04PM

Ryans car is on the road! Been around "the block" as we call it. it's rally about a half mile loop. Pic of me ceremoniously installing the license renewal tabs below. The ticking lifter quite after it ran about 5 minutes, I even drove it around the loop. Seems to be OK. They're gonna do what we call the "Taconite Run" next Taconite is a small town about 3 miles up the hiway..our standard car test is to leave Bovey, run to Taconite, u-turn in the church parking lot, and come home. Gets ya up to hiway speeds, a mild hill climb, full turns either way, etc. all appears to be OK. Then Ryan and Keith replaced my bad speedo cable (that ryan was going to do for me for Christmas when he was home) and also replaced a bad u-joint in my '64 as well, so they've been very very busy. I think they'll be on the way back to Kansas in the morning. A day behind, but a much more thorough job accomplished.

Tim in Bovey



April 23, 2007 09:09PM

Yep. that hitch started on this car, went to the red one, and now it's back. We had hiccups in it...broke the clutch rod trying to adjust, had to keep going to town for more bolts and drill bits (black and deckers suck, BTW....go irwin turbo bits.), and I had to drill for the Celica seat (that's right, I had time to do the drivers seat so far.) anyway. I gotta cut this short. I gotta take a shower and get some sleep. I was supposed to call in tomorrow. Completely spaced it out. kept sayin I'd do it, then I forgot. I'll be up after my shift starts too, so we'll see. trying to leave MN by ten. We'll see.

Ryan

April 24, 2007 07:05AM

Well, we're off, Folks! got a full tank of premium and boost. timing is 10 degrees (the line one over from 16, I believe)...gonna check the tires at the gas station, and then it's off to hwy 2 then 35 south for a day or so...haha

Ryan

P.S. the motor mount that we had is scary. I didn't bring mine and I had a choice of, a crusty one that wants to fail, and one that already has and has a bolt through it.

April 24, 2007 12:59PM

3PM Tuesday. Ryan and Keith are south of Minneapolis. Naturally they stopped for lunch and stopped off to see Ryans sister south of the Twin Cities. They're back on the road. Ryan says the car is running great, cruising at 70 is no problem, and it's smooth and tracking straight. Although with the cherry bomb muffler and no carpet, just the steel floor he reports it's LOUD and certain deafness may move in. They didn't take time to install his stereo, so no tunes on the trip. He took my wife's MP3 player but I'm thinking he won't be able to hear the earbuds over the noise in the car! Further updates as they come in. Although I guess at this point, no news is good news! Hopefully he'll get on here with a full wrap up (Keith too) once they get home. Thanks to Keith too, for all the work he did, both on Ryans car and helping get the speedo cable and a u-joint replaced my MY car too! A pretty intense weekend for Corvairnatics, I'd say. I have been suffering with a MONSTER toothache since Saturday, and just went and the dentist pulled that sucker out..so, now I'll finally get a chance to see how organized the shop looks. Hopefully Ryan took all his extra parts that he's had laying around with him!

Tim in Bovey



April 24, 2007 10:08PM

Well, we made it home ok... about 11:20... The car ran fine... More later
Keith

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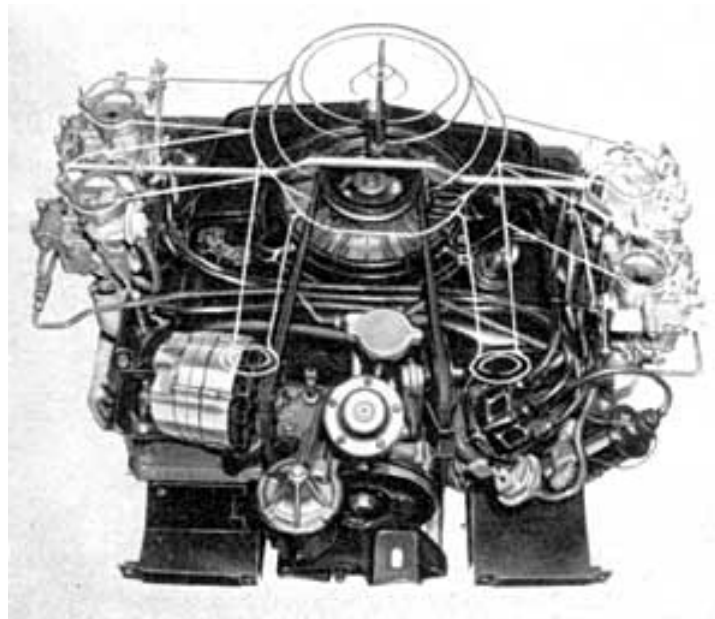
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Car Shows

May

- 23 Kenwood shopping Center
- 24 Cruise to Moose Lake Leave L & M parking lot 6PM
- 28 Memorial Day Parade Duluth
- 30 Elks club Haines Rd
- 30 Kenwood shopping Center

June

- 1 Southside Sinclair Car Show Hwy 73 south of Hibbing 5-8
- 2 Grand Marais Car Show, Hibbing Cruise
- 3 Hibbing Car Show
- 6 Kenwood shopping Center
- 7 Grand Rapids Dairy Queen (Every Thursday)
- 8 Impala Car show Kolar in Scanlon afternoon show
- 9 Nifty Fifty's car show Barnum
- 10 All GM Car Show St Paul Fair Grounds
- 10 Onamia, Spooner, Squires, Hibbing Alliance Car shows
- 13 Good Year Central Entrance
- 14 Savannah Portage Cruise
- 19 Sammy's Pizza
- 20 Kenwood shopping Center
- 21 Gordy's High Hat
- 22 Back to the 50's
- 23 Back to the 50's, All Ford Show Two Harbors
- 24 Back to the 50's, Aitkin Car Show
- 27 Archer Brothers
- 28 Copper Top Church Burger Night Fund Raiser

Oil Change instructions for Women:

- 1) Pull up to Jiffy Lube when the mileage reaches 3000 miles since the last oil change..
- 2) Drink a cup of coffee
- 3) 15 minutes later, write a check and leave with a properly maintained vehicle.

Money spent:

Oil Change: \$20.00

Coffee: \$1.00

Total: \$21.00

Oil Change instructions for Men :

- 1) Wait until Saturday, drive to auto parts store and buy a case of oil, filter, kitty litter, hand cleaner and a scented tree, write a check for \$50.00.
- 2) Stop by 7/11 and buy a case of beer, write a check for \$20, drive home.
- 3) Open a beer and drink it.
- 4) Jack car up. Spend 30 minutes looking for jack stands.
- 5) Find jack stands under kid's pedal car.
- 6) In frustration, open another beer and drink it.
- 7) Place drain pan under engine.
- 8) Look for 9/16 box end wrench.
- 9) Give up and use crescent wrench.
- 10) Unscrew drain plug.
- 11) Drop drain plug in pan of hot oil: splash hot oil on you in process. Cuss..
- 12) Crawl out from under car to wipe hot oil off of face and arms. Throw kitty litter on spilled oil.
- 13) Have another beer while watching oil drain.
- 14) Spend 30 minutes looking for oil filter wrench.
- 15) Give up; crawl under car and hammer a screwdriver through oil filter and twist off.
- 16) Crawl out from under car with dripping oil filter splashing oil everywhere from holes. Cleverly hide old oil filter among trash in trash can to avoid environmental penalties. Drink a beer.
- 17) Install new oil filter making sure to apply a thin coat of oil to gasket surface.
- 18) Dump first quart of fresh oil into engine.
- 19) Remember drain plug from step 11.
- 20) Hurry to find drain plug in drain pan.
- 21) Drink beer.
- 22) Discover that first quart of fresh oil is now on the floor. Throw kitty litter on oil spill.
- 23) Get drain plug back in with only a minor spill. Drink beer.
- 24) Crawl under car getting kitty litter into eyes. Wipe eyes with oily rag used to clean drain plug. Slip with stupid crescent wrench tightening drain plug and bang knuckles on frame removing any excess skin between knuckles and frame.
- 25) Begin cussing fit.
- 26) Throw stupid crescent wrench.
- 27) Cuss for additional 5 minutes because wrench hit bowling trophy.
- 28) Beer.
- 29) Clean up hands and bandage as required to stop blood flow.
- 30) Beer.
- 31) Dump in five fresh quarts of oil.
- 32) Beer.
- 33) Lower car from jack stands..
- 34) Move car back to apply more kitty litter to fresh oil spilled during any missed steps.
- 35) Beer.
- 36) Test drive car.
- 37) Get pulled over: arrested for driving under the influence.
- 38) Car gets impounded.
- 39) Call loving wife, make bail.
- 40) 12 hours later, get car from impound yard.

Money spent:

Parts: \$50.00

DUI: \$2500.00

Impound fee: \$75.00

Bail: \$1500.00

Beer: \$20.00

Total: \$4,145.00

But you know the job was done right!

Dick Dee Engine Update

Waiting for one more parts shipment and back in she goes. It's looking good and runs Great. To view a video of it running go to:

<http://www.putfile.com/corvkid62>

Before



After



Also If anyone needs starter work done on their Corvair I can recommend a good place. I took Dick's starter that was in sad shape to Tri State Auto Electric at 216 winter street in Superior. His phone number is 715-392-4720. He went thru it and installed a new solenoid and here's what it looked like after it was done. He charged me Just under \$73.00. I think Clarks starters are about \$150.00 plus shipping so it's a great deal.



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